

Jordan Valley West Meadows

Project Fact Sheet



Review of Council Actions:

- Council Resolution adopting the Vision 20/20 Jordan Valley Concept Plan - September 6, 2005
- Council Resolution accepting "A Vision for Jordan Valley" - July 30, 2007
- Council Ordinance authorized the City Manager to accept the BNSF land donation - October 8, 2007
- Council Lunch Presentation on environmental findings – July 22, 2008
<http://www.springfieldmo.gov/brownfields/involved.html>
- Council Lunch Update – February 16, 2010
<http://www.springfieldmo.gov/brownfields/pdfs/jvcpCouncilLunch100216.pdf>
- Council Resolution Adopting the Jordan Valley and Jordan Valley Park Concept Plan and Design Guidelines – February 22, 2010

Review of Public Input Process:

The vision for Jordan Valley originated from the roots of the citizen-driven Vision 20/20 comprehensive planning process in the mid-1990s. Over 18 months, more than 350 citizens attended 500 meetings and spent some 25,000 hours molding their ideas into a comprehensive plan for the future of Springfield and Greene County. Through this process general recommendations for West Meadows were formed and included in the Jordan Valley Concept Plan. More recently, a public input process was conducted through 2006-2007 to reengage the public and develop more focused recommendations for the West Meadows, the former Quarry, and remainder of East Meadows. The results of this process were published in the planning document *A Vision for Jordan Valley* adopted by City Council and on file in the Department of Planning and Development. The Jordan Valley Concept Plan has been updated to reflect concepts within *A Vision for Jordan Valley*. This update process involved review from the Jordan Valley Advisory Committee and was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council at open public hearings. A public workshop was held on December 10, 2009 to seek input in the cleanup planning and development of a landscape plan for the area.

Key recommendations from the Jordan Valley Concept Plan for West Meadows

- Open Space
- Greenways Trails
- Stormwater – Corps Study
- Rail Reconfiguration



Trail



2008 Flooding in West Meadows.



Open Space

Environmental Assessments and Findings

- Phase I - identified historical land use as an environmental concern – e.g. rail yard and associated industrial operations
- Phase II
 - Contamination covers approx. 75% of site - top 4'-8' of soil – fill materials
 - More soil impacts in central and west-central portions
 - No significant groundwater impacts
 - Contamination consistent with historical land use
 - 19,000 cubic yards of concrete



West Meadows circa 1900 (view north/west from creek)

Next Steps and Current Progress

- **Cleanup Planning – In Process**
 - Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) - COMPLETE
 - ABCA Public Meeting - COMPLETE
 - 30 Day Public Comment Period – COMPLETE
 - Tier 1 Risk Assessment – In DNR Review
 - Develop Remedial Design/Cleanup Plan – IN PROCESS
- **Site Cleanup – Begin Summer 2010**
 - Begin with Sites 1, 2, 3, and 4 using EPA Brownfields Grant funding
 - Achieve DNR Certificate of Completion for each site
 - Cleanup remaining sites 5-8 as funding becomes available
 - Apply for EPA Cleanup Grants
- **Re-vegetation and implementation of the Landscape Plan – Following Cleanup**
 - Wetland Construction and planting
 - Trail Construction
 - Tree Planting
 - Informational Signage



West Meadows today (view east from Fort)

Note: Please be advised that achieving the community vision for West Meadows as described in *A Vision for Jordan Valley* and the Jordan Valley Concept Plan is a very long term project contingent on many factors including funding. These Brownfields assessments and cleanup activities are merely the first step towards accomplishing the project and opening the property to the public for reuse.



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